

















## KIRBY'S REPORT AGAIN

## Construction of the High School Building.

## SPECIFICATIONS VARIED FROM

## The Board of Education Considers the Matter in a Lively Session.

The city school board had a session yesterday afternoon which strikingly resembled meetings of Torrey block fame. It met in Trustee Gallagher's office and a full board was present. The business of the meeting was the consideration of the report of Architect G. K. Kirby, who experted the work on the new high school building.

The report was read by Clerk Cummings, as follows:

"To the Fresno City Board of Education: At your request I have examined the plans, specifications and building intended for the high school of the City of Fresno, and submit the following report:

"In the foundation concrete work it is impossible to say, without an analysis, whether the component parts are exactly as per specification or not, but the results of the work and it makes very little foundation.

"The brick work and basement with few exceptions, is in accordance with the specifications, and you have, in my judgment, a basement which will be put upon a solid foundation. About one-eighth of the brick in the first story are in accordance with the specifications. About one-eighth are below the standard demanded. All are well laid in good mortar. All the walls are straight, true and plumb, except only a few of the small piers between some of the windows, which are sprung out about the center of their height above the windows, but they have not been caused by the brick work above on same before the brick was properly set. About two-thirds of the brick in the second story, I should judge, are in accordance with the specifications. The balance are what are known as light brick and salmon color and a few well laid in good mortar. The joints are full in all parts and the walls are straight and true. The brick in the attic, while not fully up to the specifications, are a better selection than those in the second story. They are well laid in good mortar.

"The four timbers in the second and third stories are generally in accordance with the specifications, except only a few joints that are what would be called number two lumber. All are put in the walls closely approximating the specifications. The under floors are as per specification.

"The specification calls for main rafters 2x8, 16 on centers; jack rafters 2x6, 16 on centers; ceiling beams and ceiling joists 2x8, 16 on centers; all of which are of the same material above, but the rafters and ceiling beams and joists are placed about 32 inches on centers instead of 18 inches as specified. The sheathing and shingles are as per specification. The valley rafters are as per specification, but they have not been in the center, one and two inches, and should be reinforced.

"Since my first examination some of these timbers have been materially strengthened by braces and collar beams. The wooden partition in the second story over the southeast classroom in the first story should have, and I understand is to have a truss.

"The iron work, so far as it seems, runs very close to the specifications, but the galvanized iron is in accordance with the specification, so far as used. The window frames are in accordance with the specification so far as finished, but the cement work of the window sills, except, so far as finished, is good. The tin that is being put upon the building is marked 'Brand, L. C. Taylor roofing tin,' stamped on each sheet, while the specification calls for 'N. C. Taylor old style brand of roofing tin,' which is stamped with brand and thickness. The tin lining used is good weight, red-dipped, and will make a good roof, if properly laid and soldered.

"One piece of tin about 10 feet by 10 feet has been laid upon paper underlaid, as per specification. This, I understand, is to be removed and paper placed under all tin as required by the specification.

"Instead of six-inch terra-cotta vent pipes being carried up as per specification for ventilating water closets, vent lines have been carried up in the brick work and topped out through the roof with galvanized iron caps. The soil and waste pipes are as per specification.

"Back vent pipes have been carried up with wrought iron instead of cast iron, as called for by the specification. Stand and supply pipes are as per specification. In regard to the wrought iron vent pipes, it is my judgment that while the specification calls for cast iron with packed joints, the wrought iron is the better. All the pipes have been dipped in as per specification. The door frames, casework and transoms are as per specification.

"To sum up and give my opinion of the building as a whole, as it now stands, I will say that in my judgment you have the promise of a good, strong substantial building. The small deviations that have been made from the strict letter of the specifications I do not consider as impairing the safety and permanency of the building. As to the building would have obligated all these. The plans and specifications so far as I have had occasion to examine them, consider first class, except a few errors in the matter of construction already pointed out above. In making this report I have labored under the disadvantage of examining and reporting on parts of the work at present in an unfinished state, for the reason that it is impossible to see just what the work will be when finished. Yours respectfully, 'G. K. Kirby.'

The reading of the report was listened to with marked attention, and after conclusion of the report, a motion was made to carry the report and the board was carried. Trustee Moore inquired regarding the discrepancy in the timing. Superintendent Downing explained that there is no such broad as 'N. C. Taylor roofing tin' as required by the specifications. The typewriter had evidently made a mistake, said Mr. Downing, in copying the specifications. He had ordered the Taylor roofing tin, and Gallagher insisted that he did not have it. 'I saw your place in your pocket,' said he to Mr. Kirby.

## COUNTY ORPHANAGE

## The Lady Managers Want Their Own Building.

## PRECINCT REGISTRATION BOOKS

## The Board Gives Orders for the New Register—Indigents Still Arrive.

From Thursday's Daily.

The lady managers of the county orphanage, who had a brief conference with the Board of Supervisors in executive session two or three days ago, will come before the board this morning with a request that the county build an orphanage of its own. Naturally the ladies like to feel that they are running their own home when they take charge of the county's orphans, and it is not an easy matter to manage a number of children in a rented house. Moreover, an orphanage requires to be specially built for the purpose, and even the largest private house proves unsuitable when used for the exclusive accommodation of children.

The matter has been under consideration by the board for over a year past, and it is understood that plans have been sketched out by which all the children in the orphanage, and at least as many more, might be accommodated in one new building and the county in the other, at an estimated cost for construction of only \$80,000. The state of the county funds is not favorable to the project at present, but the ladies will probably have their side of it fully discussed this morning.

After County Clerk Hart had stirred up the board a bit on the matter of the precinct registration now in progress, it was ordered that the county clerk be instructed to have separate precinct books for the great Register is printed. This will probably prove more expensive, but will greatly facilitate the work of the clerks on election day.

The indigents kept the board busy most of the day, and the ladies managers were called to the pay list, while the applications were denied. The superintendents explained to a reporter that it is only during about three months in the year that any indigent families are in the county. During the other months the county treasurer has the means of cashing them at their full value, so that the payment of a commission to brokers in the sale of indigent families is well known. However, that most indigent have their warrants discounted month after month, and sometimes year after year.

The report of the county orphanage showed that during April there were thirty children within the institution, two of whom were taken out by their father, and one was sent to the Whittier Reformatory.

The monthly report of Coroner Long above that three inquests had been held during April. In one case a verdict of death from natural causes was rendered. The second case was that of an individual who was killed by one of the ladies. The third was that of C. M. Hamilton found dead on the banks of the San Joaquin river.

The report of Dr. J. D. Davidson, superintendent of the county hospital, submitted on April 1st, there were 107 inmates; admitted during the month 31; 6 patients died and 26 were discharged, leaving 106 in the hospital. Of the six deaths five were due to tubercular disease.

A curious impression seems to prevail among applicants for indigent relief that there is a sliding scale of so much per child dependent upon the mother. A statement of allowances made on Tuesday would serve to explain away this impression. A mother with four children may be able to get along with \$12 a month if assisted by relatives, while with only one child, and being herself sick, may need an equal sum. Everything depends on the circumstances and it is these circumstances into which the superintendent has been endeavoring to plumb.

As an example, the Swedish church, the mother-in-law of a member of the city police force, stated that the money she had received monthly from the county had gone in paying a physician for her son, and that she had to comply with her order for medical attendance, it being plain that her relatives could support her.

The "scientific road" now being built on the extension of Ventura avenue westward by Supervisor Wickham has been inspected by the board. It will be filled in and rolled as fast as possible, and when completed with Mrs. Payne's portion will give a fine road to the east of town.

Tax Collector Moody paid \$24,000 into the county treasury yesterday, being the recent annual settlement.

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH SOLD.

It is Purchased by the German Lutherans.

The German Lutheran congregation of this city has purchased the Christian church at the corner of Mariposa and M streets. The work of moving the building has already begun. It will be located at the corner of J. and Ventura streets. The German Lutheran church was organized in Fresno about four years ago and the congregation has had good prosperity and is able to buy a church now.

The Christian congregation will immediately take steps to raise funds for the erection of a new house of worship. For the present the Adventist church will be used for services. The old building was too small. It has not been settled as yet where the new church will be located.

Another Democratic Convert. From the Section Independent.

The word was mighty than the pen in the case of Colonel T. A. Nery in Los Angeles. He was a Democrat and believed all the teaching of his party, but he is a dealer in military goods. When he found that the Japanese could make dress swords by cheap labor and sell them in the United States for 20 per cent. of what he had paid for them, he was converted from free trade to protection. He is in Sacramento helping to shoot for McKinley as a natural result of his conversion.

Suicides in Europe. It seems from an authoritative statement of the Society of statistics of Paris that there have been more cases of suicide in Denmark in the period between 1881 and 1895 than in any other European country, the recent being 248 to every 1,000,000 inhabitants. France ranks second with 235 to the million; Switzerland next with 231 and then Germany with 211. The lowest cases of suicide are in Spain, 18 to the million, and Ireland 27.

West Park Dance Postponed. Owing to the death of our friend and former resident, John Greiner, the social dance to have been given by the Haymarket Union on Friday evening, May 3rd, will be postponed until further notice.

## HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB.

## The Regular Weekly Business Meeting Held.

## At the regular weekly meeting of the executive committee of the Hundred Thousand Club held last night the committee on auxiliary clubs reported that they had visited Selma preparatory to Saturday night's meeting and had been well received by the leading citizens of the city. It was arranged that the members of the Fresno club and the ladies shall visit Selma on Saturday evening when it is proposed that an auxiliary club be organized there. The committee expressed the hope that Fresno may be well represented in the trip to Selma Saturday evening, not only by members of the Hundred Thousand Club but by other citizens of the city.

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